



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70)
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Dear Future Gold Eagle:

Welcome Aboard! Let me take this opportunity to be the first to welcome you to team "Gold Eagle," the USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70). You are about to join an elite team of highly motivated professionals who operate this mighty warship with great pride and commitment. I can guarantee your tour onboard will be exciting, challenging, and rewarding.

The CARL VINSON is the third Nimitz class super-carrier and is named after Congressman Carl Vinson from Georgia, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the U.S. Navy. As a national asset, this ship stands ready to execute the Navy's motto, "The Shield," and our nation's mission. You are coming at a perfect time as we are in our Docking Planned Incremental Availability (DPIA), an instrumental phase of a carrier's life cycle. This is a great opportunity for you to see exactly what it takes to keep our nation's assets in warfighting standards; at the same time a chance to achieve qualifications and knowledge in what it takes to operate a warship.

As CARL VINSON progresses through DPIA it is paramount that we as a team pay attention to safety, getting the job done on time, and doing the job right the first time. To help accomplish these goals I have implemented the vision: Be Safe, Be Smart, and Be Sharp. If we collectively work together to accomplish these goals then we will bring CARL VINSON through our DPIA phase with zero mishaps and as scheduled. I am relying on you to help CARL VINSON on completing a successful DPIA.

Please contact the Command Sponsor Coordinator at (360) 627-2531 or the Command Ombudsman at (619) 200-7980 for assistance. Your sponsor will soon contact you; please let him or her know when you will be reporting aboard. Your sponsor should be able to answer most of your questions and provide information about living and working in the Bremerton area. Again, welcome aboard! I am very pleased that you are joining our team and look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "M. C. Paradise", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

M. C. PARADISE
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer